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1. WHEN YOU NEXT SEE KAMEL YOU MAY WISH TO REFER TO HIS
APPEAL REPORTED REFTEL AND GIVE HIM RESPONSE ALONG
FOLLOWING LINES. WE ARE VERY CONSCIOUS OF DESIRABILITY
OF BRINGING JORDAN INTO THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THIS
DEFINITELY IS PART OF OUR STRATEGY AS WE MAP OUT OUR NEXT
STEPS AFTER LONDON TALKS. AS WE HAVE INFORMED KAMEL, WE
ARE MAKING APPROACH TO JORDANIANS TO STRESS REASONS WHY
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WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT FOR THEM TO SUPPORT LONDON TALKS
AS WELL AS SCENARIO THAT WILL UNFOLD THEREAFTER (KING IS
IN LONDON WHERE WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO REACH HIM). IT IS
ALSO SECRETARY'S THINKING THAT ROY ATHERTON WOULD PROCEED
TO AREA AFTER LONDON TALKS TO BEGIN CONSULTATIONS WITH
PARTIES AND PRESENT PLAN IS THAT HE WOULD INCLUDE VISIT
TO JORDAN TO TALK WITH KING. THERE IS ALSO,

AS WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH SADAT AND KAMEL, STRONG
POSSIBILITY THAT SECRETARY WILL MAKE MIDDLE EAST TRIP
SHORTLY THEREAFTER TO BEGIN INTENSIVE NEW EFFORT TO HELP
PARTIES REACH AGREEMENT. AGAIN, IT WOULD BE HIS INTENTION
AS WELL TO VISIT JORDAN FOR TALKS WITH KING.

2. WE BELIEVE BEST PROSPECT OF WORKING ON HUSSEIN TO
GET HIM INTO NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE WHEN WE ARE ABLE TO
DISCUSS WITH HIM IDEAS WE HAVE FOR BRIDGING DIFFERENCES
BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL ON DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES
AND GUIDELINES FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON WEST BANK AND GAZA.
WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT IN THIS CONTEXT KING'S ATTITUDE
TOWARD JOINING NEGOTIATIONS WILL BECOME MORE POSITIVE.
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